Thursday, February 28th
Social Services Funding Committee Meeting
3rd Floor Conference Room
Beaverton City Hall

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Chair, Ian King, Troy Hoppenrath, Lisa Yamin, Eleanore Hale, David Harrison, and Andrea Nelson

5:30-6:00 p.m.:

Committee discussed general business, grantee activity and questions they had from the applications. Eleanore requested a copy of the meeting minutes from 2010 when the committee approved a resident services set aside from the CDBG program. The committee verified that a file is kept on each applicant including their application and any correspondence.

6:00 p.m.: Beaverton Hispanic Center

Juanita Villareal, executive director, and Laura Waude, student volunteer, presented Beaverton Hispanic Center's INEA literacy program. The program helps Spanish-speaking residents become literate in Spanish so they can succeed in ESL classes. Weekly classes are provided at no cost at Beaverton Hispanic Center's offices. Juanita provided a one-page handout that summarized the program. Testimonial letters from BHC's clients were also handed out.

6:25 p.m.: Big Brothers Big Sisters

Randy Johnson, VP of Programs, and Audrey Riggs, Regional Manager, presented Big Brothers, Big Sisters' Finish Strong Mentoring initiative. The program engages teenage participants and their mentors in an effort to ensure the youth finish high school. Randy used the graphic from the application to illustrate the various specialized components of the program.

6:50 p.m.: Boys & Girls Aid

Vera Stoulil, VP of Operations, and Andrea Logan-Sanders, Program Supervisor, provided an overview of the Safe Place Shelter. Safe Place is the only shelter for homeless and runaway youth in Washington County and in addition to providing shelter, the program also has a therapist on staff to help the youth with any issues that may arise.

7:15 p.m.: Care to Share

Bill Berg, Board Secretary, and Jim Ahl, Board President, provided an overview of Care to Share's program. Bill provided a handout that illustrated how Care to Share's referral system works, what geographies are served, and what pantries participate.

7:40 p.m.: CASA

Tim Hennesy, executive director, provided an overview of the Washington County CASA program. He also provided a handout that illustrated how CASAs fit into the child welfare system, and an overview of service statistics within Washington County and Beaverton.

8:05 p.m.: Catalyst Partnerships

Shawn Mitchell, executive director, and Rick Hoggan, board member, provided an overview of Catalyst Partnership's activities. They provided a handout that featured photos from Beaverton projects during the last year and highlighted that the organization has brought the contractor's license "in house" which will allow them to serve more households since Shawn will not have to be on site for each project.

8:30 p.m.: Community Action

Jerralynn Ness, executive director, provided an overview of Community Action's Emergency Rent program. She highlighted that since January 1, 2013, the hotline has received over 6,500 calls, and that 40% of calls for assistance come from Beaverton. She will be sending a handout to the committee with all of the statistics she covered during her presentation.

8:55 p.m.: Community Alliance of Tenants

Justin Buri, deputy director, provided an overview of CAT's tenant education activities in Beaverton. He highlighted the role of building organization and that 3,500 renters are currently members.

The meeting ajourned at 9:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12th at 5:30 pm in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of Beaverton City Hall.